

Appl. No. 10/767,821
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Reply to Office Action of 06/21/05

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application. Applicant has canceled claims 3 and 6-12, of which claims 3, 7 and 10 claimed the spring member 81. Accordingly, element 81 no longer needs to be added to the drawings. Element 36 has been added to FIG. 3. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the remaining claims should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the above mentioned arguments and currently amended independent claim 1, respectively. All pending dependent claims necessarily include the recitations of their independent claims and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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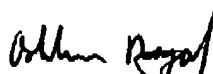
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Sir:

The proposed drawing modifications are submitted as an attachment to the Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on 6/21/2005. Element 36 has been added to FIG. 3. Applicant respectfully requests such proposed drawing modifications to be accepted by the draftsperson.

The undersigned attorney respectfully submits a telephone interview to resolve any remaining issues.

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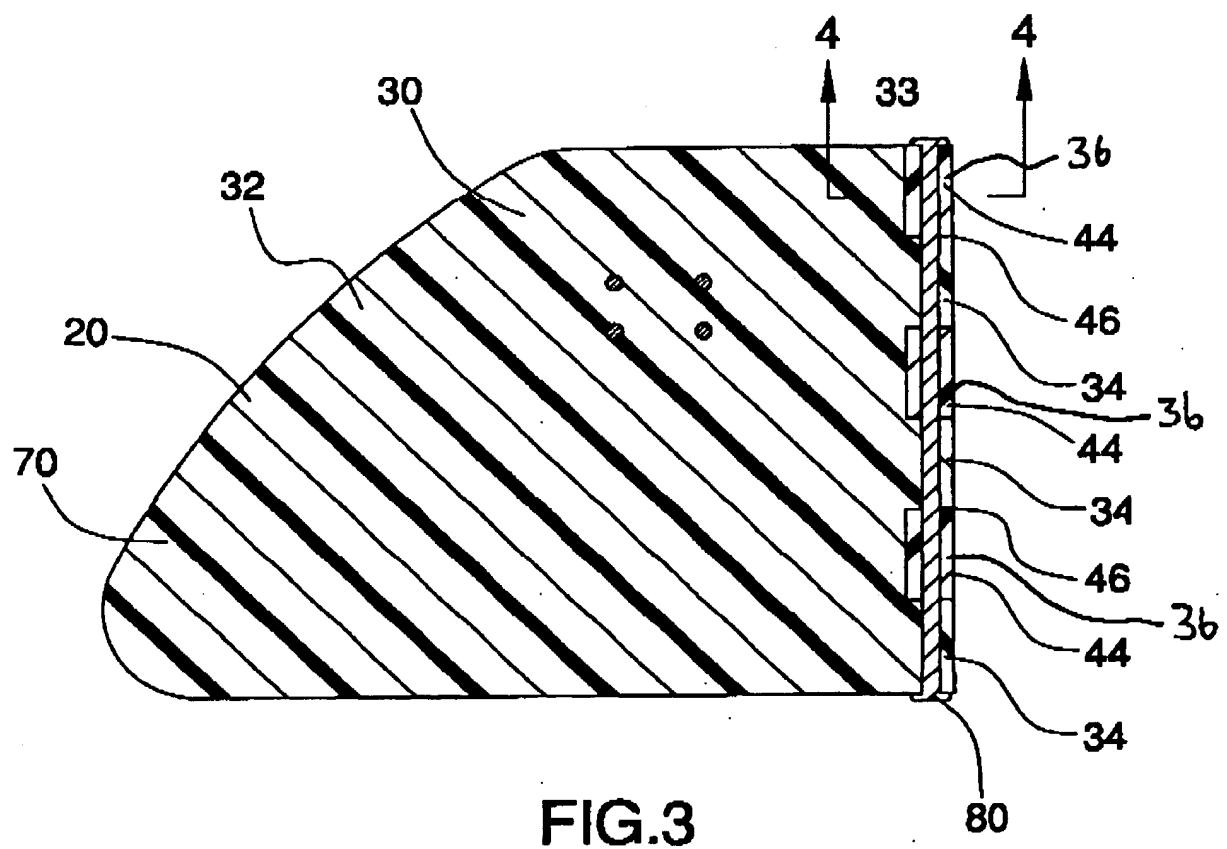


FIG.3